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SUBJECT: US VOLUNTARY OFFER SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT: BRIEF-ING FOR EURATOM

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1. MISOFF BRIEFED MEMBERS OF BRITISH, FRG, BELGIAN, DUTCH, AND ITALIAN MISSIONS ON SEPT 7 ON STATUS OF U.S. NEGOTIATIONS WITH IAEA FOR SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTING U.S. VOLUNTARY OFFER. THEY WERE EACH GIVEN A COPY OF BRIEFING PAPER PREPARED IN DEPT DATED AUGUST 9 WHICH BEGINS, "FOLLOWIN IS OUTLINE OF BACKGROUND OF U.S. OFFER, INCLUDING ITS FOUR APPENDICES, THEY WERE ALSO BRIEFED EXTENSIVELY ORALLY ON HISTORY OF NEGOTIATIONS, DATES OF PAST AND NEXT FUTURE NEGOTIATING SESSIONS, GENERAL CHARACTER OF EACH SESSION (PHILOSOPHIC OR DETAILES, ETC. LITTLE OR NO SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION WAS GIVEN THEM OTHER THAN THAT CONTAINED IN PAPER. THEY SEEMED ENTIRELY SATSIFIED; NO DIFFICULT QUESTIONS WERE RAISED, AND ITALIAN (TALIANI) SAID PAER CONTAINED SOME VERY GOOD NEWS, I.E., US POSITIONON REPORTS AND RECORDS AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS.

2. THEY WERE TOLD PAPER AND ORAL BRIEFING GIVEN SEPARACONFIDENTIAL

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TELY OT JAPANESE MISSION, BUT WE HAD NO PLANS OR AUTHRO-

IZATION EXTEND SIMILAR TREATMENT TO ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT. WE TOLD JAPANES WE HAD BRIEFED EC REPS AND SERE SENDING JAPANESE MISSION COPY OF SAME PAPER WE HAD GIVEN EC, SO THAT THEY WOULD BE FULLY INFORMED, DESPITE FACT IT CONTAINED NOTHING NEW FOR THEM.

3. SEVERAL EC REPS SAID THEY HOPED US WOULD REFER IN ITS GENERAL CONFERENCE GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH AT LEAST BRIEFLY TO ITS CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATE VOLUNTARY OFFER AGREEMENT. THEY SAID THIS WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL WITH THEIR PARLIAMENTS. UK REP SAID UK SPEECH AT GC WOULD DISCUSS STATUS OF ITS VOLUNTARY OFFER.

4. FRG AND UK ATTENDED MEETING DESPITE OUR ADVANCE WARNING THAT SESSION WOULD ALSO REVEAL NOTHING THEY DID NOT ALREADY KNOW, DUE TO RECENT BRIEFINGS IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON. THEY POINTEDOUT, AS WE HAD ANTICIPATED, THAT THEIR ABSENCE WOULD LOOK ODD TO THEIR EC COLLEAGUES. TAPE

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